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Title: Adjustable Locking Strap Apparatus

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit the within Preliminary Amendment in response to the Advisory Action dated July 10, 2003. The time period for a response is extendible to and including August 8, 2003.

Amendments to the Drawings appear on page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 3 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims appear on page 5.

Applicant's Remarks appear on page 12 of this Amendment.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

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Invention: Adjustable Locking Strap Apparatus

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
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